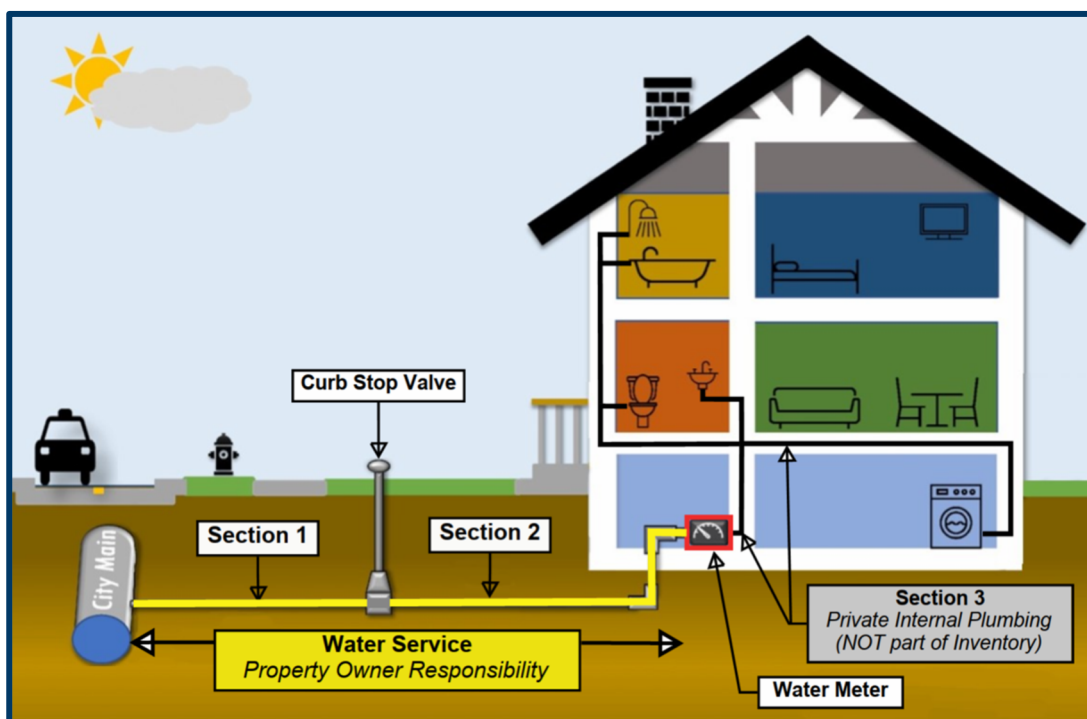


Notice to Individuals Served by a Service Line of Unknown Material

The City of Hastings is committed to providing safe drinking water for all residents. This notice contains important information about your water service line- please share with everyone who uses water at this property. As part of new federal and state requirements, the City of Hastings completed a review of all water service lines in our system.

Our records show that as of 6/30/2026, a portion of your water service line connecting your home to the City's water main (see "**Section 1**" in the diagram below) could not be identified through our inventory process. Because this section of your service line is unknown, it's possible that it could be made of lead or galvanized pipe.

This portion of the service line is located underground and outside of your home, in an area that cannot be inspected from inside the home. Because of this, no additional action is needed from you currently.



As part of the water service line inventory, City staff and consultants attempted to determine the material of Section 1 and Section 2 of your water service (see diagram). Section 3, the internal plumbing of your home after the water meter, was not included in this review. **All three sections of the water service are owned by the private property owner in the City of Hastings.**

How likely is it that your service line is lead or galvanized material?

To date, 6,848 of the 7,254 total water services in Hastings have been inventoried. Only 1 service line has been identified as lead which was in a home built prior to 1920.

As for galvanized material services identified so far, all the 117 identified galvanized lines were built prior to 1961 which represents 1.6% of inventory to date.

Individuals can find information on service line material information on addresses located in Minnesota at: [Minnesota Service Line Material Tool \(umn.edu\)](https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/) (<https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>)

What is being done to identify the material of your water service?

The City of Hastings is continuing to review our historic records for all water service lines that are yet to be identified. This next level effort would most likely entail hydro-excavating a small area within the public right-of-way to expose unknown service lines so that their material type may be identified.

Steps you can take to reduce potential exposure to lead in drinking water

- **Use a certified filter.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, make sure it is certified to remove lead and replace cartridges as recommended.
EPA guide to water filters: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.
- **Clean your faucet aerator regularly.** This can help remove small particles that collect there as a part of regular use.
- **Use cold water.** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Run your water.** Simply running your water for several minutes before using it for cooking or drinking can help to flush out the service line.
- **Have your water tested.** You can contact a [Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) to purchase a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample.

Health effects of lead

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

Questions and More Information

- **City of Hastings:** <https://www.hastingsmn.gov/home-living/utilities-sewer-water/lead-service-line-replacement-program> or call 651-480-6185
- **For more information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH):**
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lsrprogram.html>
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>